

Agency: Commerce, Community and Economic Development**Grants to Municipalities (AS 37.05.315)****Grant Recipient: Anchorage****Project Title:**

Anchorage - Totem East Anchorage Ball Fields

State Funding Requested: \$ 250,000
One-Time Need**House District: 21 - K****Brief Project Description:**

Complete construction of youth soccer fields in East Anchorage.

Funding Plan:**Total Cost of Project: \$589,108**

	<u>Funding Secured</u>		<u>Other Pending Requests</u>		<u>Anticipated Future Need</u>	
	<i>Amount</i>	<i>FY</i>	<i>Amount</i>	<i>FY</i>	<i>Amount</i>	<i>FY</i>
State Funds	\$333,500	06, 07				
Other	\$5,608	07				
Total	\$339,108					

Explanation of Other Funds:

Value of volunteer and community work service labor used in a volunteer event this summer to clear trees and brush from the field and reduce overall project costs.

Detailed Project Description and Justification:

Encouraging young people to lead active lifestyles contributes greatly to their overall health, both as children and as adults. The Totem Sports Fields will serve the residents of Anchorage by providing healthy, outdoor recreation in an area where there are no existing soccer fields.

Young people who are involved in sports are much less likely to become involved in drugs or crime, and go on to lead healthier, more active lives as adults. These sports fields will benefit families by providing a local outdoor recreation opportunity at little cost to the average citizen.

There is currently a lack of soccer fields in East Anchorage, and the Totem Sports Fields will provide an important opportunity for East Anchorage children to develop healthy habits and participate in constructive recreation. The Totem Sports Fields are supported by the Municipality of Anchorage, the local community council and the Anchorage School District.

Project Timeline:

Spring 08: Award bid to contractor
 Spring/Summer 08: Construction
 Or Summer/Fall 08: Construction
 (Timeline dependent on funding)

Entity Responsible for the Ongoing Operation and Maintenance of this Project:

Municipality of Anchorage

Grant Recipient Contact Information:

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Has this project been through a public review process at the local level and is it a community priority? ☒ Yes ☐ No



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February 21, 2008

Representative Harry Crawford
State Capitol, Room 426
Juneau, Alaska 99801-1182

Dear Mr. Crawford:

RE: Totem Sports Field

This letter is an update of progress on the Totem Sports Fields, since you have been helpful in the past in furthering this project. In our December 2007 letter, we indicated that the withdrawal by the Laborers Union apprentice volunteers to assist with construction of the Totem sports fields meant that we would need to explore constructing the project using the municipal bidding process.

As you are aware, paying a contractor increases overall project construction costs. To respond to this different approach, we explored design changes to cut costs which included balancing cut and fill (to reduce expensive importing of materials), minimizing impact on the wetlands, and altering the layout to still allow for future school development.

Our funding available for construction is \$260,000. We estimate that the project total which includes construction costs of clearing, grading, placing final earthwork, water connection and seeding, and fencing as required by the school district, permitting fees, project management, and inspection is approximately \$410,000.

This is not a project we could split to take advantage of our available funds. The reduced field size and grading will not allow part of the fields to be built, and any earthwork requires immediate seeding in order to meet Federal EPA storm water requirements.

In order to construct two soccer fields and water hookup, we need to secure additional funding of \$150,000.

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Your office has been pivotal in obtaining previous funding for these fields and in helping with volunteer efforts to date. Key community partners including the Anchorage School District and the Scenic View Community Council support the project. We have repositioned the fields to reduce wetland impacts and reduce costs, and finally, we have worked with the engineers to develop fields that are less expensive to construct. However, without guarantee of additional funding we will not be able to proceed with further development of the sports fields.

Please advise us if you are aware of any other funding opportunities we could pursue. Thank you for all your assistance to date with the Totem Sports Field project. Should you have any questions I can be reached at (907) 343-8368, or you may contact Isobel Roy at (907) 343-7579.

Sincerely,



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